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1. From November 1948 until mid-1949 source observed several times a plane that usually flew at an altitude of 300 meters and at an estimated rate of 800 to 1,000 km/h. The craft had two engines, one mounted on each side of the fullbellied fuselage. A yellow-red flame emanated from the engines. It was definitely observed that there was no conventional tail assembly. For this reason the type was remembered clearly. * The other aircraft observed were a conventional four-engine plane with double rudder assembly, and a jet fighter with swept-back wings.
2. Another unusual plane was observed flying slowly over Moscow in April 1947. Source called this plane "a small flying boat with autogiro equipment". While flying at a speed of about 100 km/h the propellers of the two radial engines rotated very rapidly, while the three-bladed rotor rotated at a much slower speed. **
3. At the air show in mid-1949 source observed well-known aircraft types. He described in detail a conventional low-wing monoplane with double rudder assembly and one engine under each wing. The wings were not swept-back and the plane had a plexiglass nose. ***

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* Comment. Description is too vague to definitely identify the type. The speed stated indicates very good performance. The aircraft type sketched may have been an experimental model produced by the Ivankovo-Podberezhe pilot plant. It somewhat resembles the Me-163. No conclusions are possible as to the type of the power plant. For sketch of this plane see Annex 1.

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* Comment. This is certainly the same type as that observed at the Ismailovo airfield.
For sketch of this plane see annex 2.

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*** Comment. Colonel Antonov flew this type (type 9 ?) in a formation at an air show over Moscow in November 1949.

2 Annexes: sketches on ditto.

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